

Senate File 2239 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the transportation and storage of firearms
2 in privately owned motor vehicles.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 724.31 Transportation and storage
2 of firearms — privately owned motor vehicles.

3 1. Except as provided in subsection 4, a person who lawfully
4 possesses a firearm may transport or store such firearm in
5 a locked, privately owned motor vehicle in any parking lot,
6 parking garage, or other designated parking area.

7 2. Except as provided in subsection 3, a property owner,
8 tenant, public or private employer, business entity, or
9 any agent or employee thereof, shall not be liable in any
10 civil action for damages resulting from or arising out of an
11 occurrence involving a firearm transported or stored pursuant
12 to this section.

13 3. A property owner, tenant, public or private employer,
14 business entity, or any agent or employee thereof, shall not
15 prohibit a person from transporting or storing a firearm
16 pursuant to subsection 1. However, this section shall not
17 prohibit a public or private employer or business entity from
18 adopting a policy specifying that a firearm stored in a locked,
19 privately owned motor vehicle on property controlled by the
20 public or private employer or business entity be placed within
21 a locked case or container within the vehicle.

22 4. This section shall not apply to the following:

23 a. Any property where the possession of a firearm is
24 prohibited under state or federal law.

25 b. Any vehicle owned or leased by a public or private
26 employer or business entity and used by an employee thereof in
27 the course of the employee's business if access to the parking
28 area is restricted or limited through the use of a fence, gate,
29 security station, signage, or other means of restricting or
30 limiting general public access onto the parking area and if any
31 of the following applies:

32 (1) The public or private employer or business entity
33 provides facilities for the temporary storage of unloaded
34 firearms.

35 (2) The public or private employer or business entity

1 provides an alternative parking area, which is reasonably close
2 to the main parking area, in which employees and other persons
3 are allowed to transport or store firearms in locked, privately
4 owned motor vehicles pursuant to this section.

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EXPLANATION

6 This bill relates to the transportation and storage of
7 firearms in privately owned motor vehicles.

8 The bill provides that except as otherwise provided in the
9 bill, a person who lawfully possesses a firearm may transport
10 or store such firearm in a locked, privately owned motor
11 vehicle in any parking lot, parking garage, or other designated
12 parking area.

13 The bill provides that, except as otherwise provided in the
14 bill, a property owner, tenant, public or private employer, or
15 business entity, or any agent or employee thereof, shall not
16 be liable in any civil action for damages resulting from or
17 arising out of an occurrence involving a firearm transported
18 or stored under the provisions of the bill. A property owner,
19 tenant, public or private employer, or business entity, or any
20 agent or employee thereof, shall not prohibit a person from
21 transporting or storing a firearm; however, a public or private
22 employer or business entity may adopt a policy specifying that
23 a firearm stored in a locked, privately owned motor vehicle
24 on property controlled by the public or private employer or
25 business entity be placed within a locked case or container
26 within the vehicle.

27 The bill does not apply to any property where the possession
28 of firearms is prohibited under state or federal law or any
29 vehicle owned or leased by a public or private employer or
30 business entity and used by an employee thereof in the course
31 of the employee's business if access to the parking area
32 is restricted or limited through the use of a fence, gate,
33 security station, signage, or other means of restricting
34 or limiting general public access onto the parking area if
35 the public or private employer or business entity provides

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1 facilities for the temporary storage of unloaded firearms or
2 the public or private employer or business entity provides an
3 alternative parking area reasonably close to the main parking
4 area in which employees and other persons are allowed to
5 transport or store firearms in locked, privately owned motor
6 vehicles pursuant to the bill.